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Dear Commissioner

The proposed Food and drug Administration (FDA) regulations fail to require labels or safety tests On genetically engineered food, The new rules continue to deny Americans the right to know What is in our food, while protecting the economic interests of biotech corporations. Labeling GE foods would protect the public from potential health effects that could only be traced if GE Foods can be identified. By refusing to require both labeling and mandatory safety testing of Foods, the FDA puts consumer's at risk, and ignores the recommendations of the Biotechnology Consultative Forum who in December uarged the US to reconsider this proposal and insure that GE food are subject to pre-market testing and labeling. Americans have a right to make informed Decisions about the food we consume.

An answer would be appreciated. I want to live a little longer.

Sincerely
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